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Please amend claim 7 and add claim 9.

1. A home-delivery method for a receiver  
to receive a parcel, comprising the steps of:  
5 registering consignment information of the  
parcel to be received by the receiver in a  
home-delivery server;  
transmitting parcel information from the  
home-delivery server to a receiver's terminal  
10 after the consignment information is  
registered in the home-delivery server and  
before the parcel is delivered;  
receiving information by the home-delivery  
server, the information being about a day, a  
15 time and a consignment relay station that the  
receiver designates for receiving the parcel;  
and  
delivering a collected parcel to the  
consignment relay station that is designated  
20 by the receiver.

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2. The home-delivery method according to claim 1, wherein the parcel information includes information about contents, weight and dimensions of the parcel, and the receiver  
25 designates the consignment relay station by selecting a place for receiving a parcel from a group including at least the receiver's home and working place.

3. The home-delivery method according to  
30 claim 1, wherein the registering step includes

the steps of transmitting a map of the area selected by the receiver to the receiver's terminal from the home-delivery server, and selecting a consignment relay station  
5 displayed on the receiver's terminal by the receiver.

4. The home-delivery method according to claim 3, wherein information about a privilege is displayed, the privilege being given to the  
10 receiver when the receiver receives the parcel at the designated day and time in the displayed consignment relay station.

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5. A home-delivery server used in a home-delivery system for a receiver to receive a  
15 parcel, comprising:

a database for registering consignment information about the parcel to be transmitted to the receiver;

means for transmitting parcel information  
20 to a receiver's terminal after the consignment information is registered in the home-delivery server and before the parcel is delivered;

means for receiving information about a day, a time and a consignment relay station  
25 that the receiver designates for receiving the parcel; and

means for instructing the consignment relay station designated by the receiver to deliver the parcel.

30 6. The home-delivery server according to

claim 5, further comprising means for transmitting a map including a consignment relay station in the area selected by the receiver for the receiver to designate a  
5 consignment relay station.

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7. (ONCE AMENDED) The home-delivery server according to claim 5 [or claim 6], further comprising means for informing the receiver of a message at a timing before the day and time designated by the receiver, the message being for inviting the receiver to receive the parcel.

8. A computer-readable recording medium storing a program executed by a computer in a home-delivery system for a receiver to receive  
15 a parcel, the program comprising the steps of:  
registering consignment information in a database of a home-delivery server;  
transmitting parcel information to a receiver's terminal after the consignment  
20 information is registered in the database and before the parcel is delivered;  
receiving information about a day, a time and a consignment relay station that the receiver designates for receiving the parcel;  
25 and  
instructing the consignment relay station designated by the receiver to deliver the parcel.

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9. (NEW) The home-delivery server according to claim 6, further comprising means for informing the receiver of a message at a timing before the day and time designated by the receiver, the message being for inviting the receiver to receive the parcel.